

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending in the present application. In the foregoing amendments, claims 1, 2 and 4-10 have been amended; and new claims 11-24 have been added. Support for these amendments can be found in the specification and claims of the application as filed. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the foregoing amendments and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments above and the remarks below.

Rejection of Claims 1-10

Claims 1-10 stand rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-6 and 11-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,714,526.

A terminal disclaimer is submitted herewith to overcome the non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 1-10.

Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1-10 should be withdrawn.

New Claims

New claims 11 and 12 are dependent from allowable claim 1 and recite additional features of the present application.

Claims 13-16 are based on claims 17-20, respectively, in U.S. Patent No. 6,714,526 and should therefore be allowable.

Independent claims 17 and 21 are based on claim 21 in U.S. Patent No. 6,714,526. Claims 18-20 are dependent from claim 17, and claims 21-24 are dependent from claim 20. Claims 17-24 should be allowable.

REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that all pending claims in the application are patentable. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of this application is earnestly solicited. Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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